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FROM RICCARDO J. OLIVIERI, ACTING CUSTOMS ATTACHE, ROME

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION BELGRADE BUCHAREST 27 APRIL REPEATED FOR  
YOUR ACTION/INFO:

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FROM THOMAS R. BOYD, CUSTOMS ATTACHE, ROME

E.O. 11652: N/A  
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SMUGGLING OF GOLD AND DIAMONS INTO ROMANIA

1. CUSTOMS HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM CONFIDENTIAL  
SOURCE THAT ONE ISAAC JOHN HERSCOVICI, WHITE MAILE, BORN  
BUCHAREST 3/24/1947, NATURALIZED AMERICAN CITIZEN, IS EN-  
ROUTE TO BUCHAREST ABOARD PAA FLIGHT 66 AND WILL ATTEMPT  
TO SMUGGLE 6 DIAMONDS VALUED AT DOLS. 7,000 AND AN UN-  
DETERMINED AMOUNT OF GOLD INTO ROMANIA. ACCORDING TO  
INFORMANT, SUBJECT HAS PREVIOUSLY SMUGGLED GOLD INTO  
ROMANIA.

2. SUBJECT IS ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE CHERYL ALEXANDRIA BORN  
USA 1/12/1953, AND CHILD.

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3. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT AN UNIDENTIFIED CANADIAN CITIZEN  
TRAVELING WITH SUBJECT WILL ASSIST HIM IN GOLD SMUGGLING  
ATTEMPT.

4. ABOVE-MENTIONED DIAMONDS REPORTED STOLEN IN CINCIN-  
NATI, OHIO, AND WARRANT IS OUTSTANDING THERE.

5. SUBJEC'S DESCRIPTION AS FOLLOWS: 4 FEET 8 INCHES TALL, 130 LBS., BLACK HAIR WITH A PROMINENT GRAY SPOT. WHEN LAST SEEN WAS WEARING BLUE DENIM TROUSERS AND JACKET, WHITE TURTLENECK SWEATER, WHITE BELT; CARRYING 3 HANDBAGS - ONE BROWN, ONE BLUE, ONE GREEN. WIFE WEARING BLUE PANT SUIT WITH WHITE STRIPE.

6. AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST IS REQUESTED TO NOTIFY ROMANIAN CUSTOMS OF ABOVE INFORMATION. IT IS ALSO REQUESTED THAT RESULTS BE REPORTED BACK TO CUSTOMS ATTACHE, ROME.

7. AMEMBASSY BELGRADE IS REQUESTED TO NOTIFY YUGOSLAV CUSTOMS IN THE EVENT SUBJECT WOULD DEPART PLANE DURING BELGRADE STOP.  
DECON UPON RECEIPT. SIGNED GARDNER.

UNQUOTE. GARDNER

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